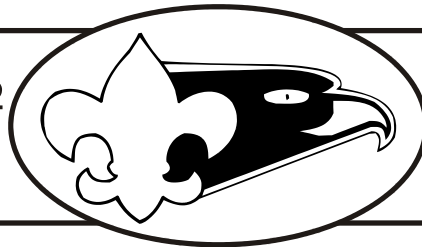


**HAWKEYE AREA Council, 172  
Boy Scouts of AMERICA**



**660 32ND AVENUE SW  
CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52404**

February 18, 2010

Dear Provisional Scouts and Parents:

Hello: My name is Dave Yansky, a volunteer adult Scout leader from the Three Rivers District of the Hawkeye Area Council Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a pleasure for me to inform you that I am to be the provisional Scoutmaster for this year's long term summer camp from July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Now a little bit about myself, I was an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for Troop 55 of Center Point / Urbana for 10 years and spent each one of those years bringing a Scout troop to Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation. I am also a volunteer member of the Three Rivers District Committee currently serving as Endowment Chairman and past District Committee Chair for the previous 4 years and prior to that as the Boy Scout Camping Subcommittee member for 8 years. Currently I am also serving as Council Chair for Training, a volunteer Cubmaster with Walker Pack 501 and a unit commissioner. This will be my fourth stint as provisional Scoutmaster, because I believe it is crucial to the Scouting experience that every Boy scout should enjoy a long term camping outing every year, even if circumstances arise where the youth cannot attend with his troop.

In this letter it is my intent to provide useful information that I typically imparted to the parents within my old Scout troop so your son can enjoy a fun filled summer camp experience to the fullest extent. So please read this information because it is important. If you wish more information concerning the Hawkeye Area Council or the Howard H. Cherry Scout reservation you can view the website at [www.hawkeyebsa.org](http://www.hawkeyebsa.org). Also included on this website are other important information such as the provisional information form, special dietary request form, and Campership application form.

It is your responsibility to drop off your Scout and pick him up at the end of camp. Please have your Scout at the parking lot at Howard H. Cherry Scout Camp promptly at 1:00 PM on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting by the flagpoles. Please don't be late. We have a busy day with all the check in activities. Please make sure your son is dressed in his class A Scout uniform as we will be taking pictures during the check in. Scouts, have your swimsuit and towel at the top of your backpack so it will be handy for swim check. Also have a class B Scout shirt handy to change out of you class A shirt once pictures have been taken. And please remember your Scout is responsible for packing in all his personal gear to the campsite so please assure he packs accordingly. I have enclosed with this letter a recommended list of items for summer camp; please review at your convenience and make the appropriate recommendations to your son.



All Scouts must have a completed and signed long term summer camp medical health history form, (parts A, B and C), form 34605 to attend summer camp. If for some reason this was not done we cannot admit your son to summer camp. This is very important so please be aware of this requirement. If your Scout attended an earlier camp this summer please make a copy of the medical form from your troop and assure it is included with your Scouts gear. All medicines must be turned over to me so I can check medication in with the camp medical staff when we do the medical check on Sunday. All medicines (prescription and non-prescription) must be in their original containers with the dosage and administration information on the container. No plastic baggies full of pills will be accepted so please do not attempt this. If you have a question please contact the Scout office and they will explain the proper procedure.

All Scouts like to have mail during the week. If you wish to send a letter(s) to your Scout please allow about 3 days for delivery and if sending more than one letter please space them apart by a day or so. Make sure Grandparents, other family members, and friends are aware of this too. Please send all letters to:

“You’re Scout’s Name”  
Provisional Troop  
Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation  
4521 Boy Scouts Road  
Central City, Iowa 52214

If you absolutely must contact your Scout during the week you may do so by calling the camp telephone number at 319-438-1837. This is the only line into camp so please understand this is for emergency purposes only. We do not allow Scouts to carry cell phones at summer camp. Please help me by following this request.

If an emergency arises during the week and you must check your son out of camp, when arriving please go straight to the camp office located at the Troop Service Building (TSB) directly behind the dining hall. The Scout camp office staff will explain the procedure for checking your Scout out of camp and checking him back in. To improve the safeties of the check out procedure please provide a list of people authorized to check your son out of camp. Under no condition are you to bypass this procedure as during our daily Scout attendance check your Scout would come up missing which would put a damper on the entire week, not only for our troop but the entire camp contingent.

Wednesday night is Family Night and parents, extended family, and friends are welcome. Please come and join our troop at the Dakin Dining Hall starting at 5:30 PM with dinner. Visitor meal prices are approximately \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 11 years of age. These prices change yearly and were not available at the date of this letter so they are estimated so parents to plan for the expenditure. Troop pictures will be available for your review and purchase at the Troop Service Building during family night. The purchased pictures will be available at final checkout and will be included with your son’s packet. I urge you to please come out and enjoy this night with your son as Scouting is a family oriented activity.

All Scouts seem to like to spend money at camp. Certain merit badges and other activities have a fee schedule so make sure your Scout has enough money for those activities. If you have any questions as to the activity fee schedule please consult the Family Guide or contact the Scout office. If you wish to have your Scout's money somewhat controlled so these activities can be paid for please provide clear plastic sealable bags with your sons name written on the outside of the bag and the spending instructions accompanying the money. I'll make sure all funds are distributed per your instructions. If you wish your son to take responsibility of his own money the ninth point of the Scout Law is a Scout is thrifty.

Summer camp will be ending on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please be in the parking lot promptly at 9:00 AM that morning to pick up your son and if you wish to come a little earlier your more than welcome to come back to Eagle campsite to experience our checkout procedure. I will be there until the last Scout has left. On occasion I have been there fairly late so please as a favor to me, please remember the 5<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law and do not forget this time. I will provide you all of your Scouts specialty awards, photographs, remaining medicine, and camp patch if available at that time. If possible Merit Badge blue cards and Eagle Quest sign off sheets will be provided to you as well, however if time does not permit they will be mailed to your sons unit at a later date. Make sure your son has all his gear. I have had to run gear back to Scouts who in the rush to leave Saturday morning left parts or all of their gear at camp, so please go over this with your son before getting into your vehicle.

Well, thanks for reading this letter. I hope I have provided enough valued information to you however if I have left any questions unanswered I have included my contact information where I may be reached. I do ask that you keep your calls between the 9's, (9:00 AM to 9:00 PM).

One last word in parting; I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity and your trust in leading your son's 2010 provisional troop at the best Scout camp in the nation. It is personally gratifying to see Scouts fulfill their expectations through achievement, activity, and just plain having fun at a very special place, the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation.

Sincerely,

Dave Yansky  
Provisional 2010 Scoutmaster  
Hawkeye Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
319-573-9243 Cell  
319-354-4637 Home  
319-743-1137 Work – Direct Line  
[dyansky@msn.com](mailto:dyansky@msn.com) Email Home  
[david.yansky@trapezeits.com](mailto:david.yansky@trapezeits.com) Email Work

**RECOMMENDED LONG TERM CAMPING  
ITEMS LIST  
HHCSR BSA SUMMER CAMP 2010  
Provisional Camp**

**Required Items:**

Full Uniform Class A BSA shirt, pants/shorts, socks, belt  
BSA or Troop Neckerchief with Neckerchief Slide  
BSA Handbook, Merit Badge Pamphlets  
Pocket Knife, (folding only) and Totin' Chip  
Raingear  
Sleeping Bag  
Small Pillow  
Foam Pad  
Swim Suit  
Towels (3 required)  
Bathroom Kit: Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash, Comb, Shampoo  
Clothes (enough for 5 days) Long-sleeved shirt and long pants required for cope and swimming merit badge.  
Shoes (2 pair) Note: Sandals with toe strap and heel guard are allowed only in campsite.  
Flash light and spare batteries & bulb  
Sweater or Jacket  
Spending Money (May be given to Scoutmaster for safekeeping) \*  
Matches  
Mess Kit and Silver Ware  
Canteen  
Backpack

**Medication in original containers, (Must be turned in to provisional leader upon arrival)!**

**Optional Items:**

BSA Hat  
Hat  
Compass  
Watch  
Miniature Hand Saw  
Personal First Aid Kit  
Sunscreen (must item for fair skin)  
Insect Repellent (no aerosol spray or pumps allowed)  
Mosquito Netting  
Blanket  
Pajamas  
Hiking Shoes \ Boots (May be used as one required pair)  
Camera and Extra Film  
Bible or Prayer Book, Books \ Magazines Notebook paper and pencils  
Fishing Gear and fishing license as required by Iowa State Law

**Absolutely none of the following Items:**

Aerosol spray cans or Pumps  
Non folding knives  
Squirt guns  
Cell Phones  
Electronic Games  
Electronic Radios  
Electronic Toys  
No Ipods -----NO ELECTRONICS!!!!

\*Please provide scout with money in \$1.00 dollar bills. Note: some merit badges require additional money. (Leatherwork, Indian Lore, Basketry, Space Exploration, Woodcarving, Troop Photos, etc.)



## H.H.C.S.R. PROVISIONAL CAMP SCOUT INFORMATION SHEET July 11 – 17, 2010



Please fill out the following and return to the Service Center by July 1.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ OA: Member Non-Member

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Years at Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Alert: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family night: Number of family members eating at dining hall (including scout): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP ACTIVITIES:** From the attached block schedule select the activities you wish for provisional week. You can select a second choice for each block but be sure to indicate first choice. Please discuss your choices with your Scoutmaster.

Scoutmaster Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_